

PROCESS FOR APPLYING PROTECTIVE
AND DECORATIVE COATING ON AN ARTICLE

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method for depositing a multi-layered protective and decorative coating on an article comprising first depositing at least one coating layer on the article by electroplating, removing the electroplated article from the electroplating bath and subjecting it to pulse blow drying to produce a spot-free surface on the electroplated article, and then depositing, by physical vapor deposition, at least one vapor deposited coating layer on the electroplated article.

The electroplated layers are selected from copper, nickel and chrome. The physical vapor deposited layers are selected from non-precious refractory metals, non-precious refractory metal alloys, non-precious refractory metal compounds, and non-precious refractory metal alloy compounds.